

William Jodwalis

From: jody hassel <jodyhassel@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2017 11:50 AM
To: Rep. Scott Kawasaki
Subject: Please pass HB127

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This is one of the things the State of Alaska can do to help the wrongfully convicted reestablish a normal life. The Fairbanks Four deserve and need our help. Thank you for your time Scott!

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From: Julian Thibedeau <jrthibedeau09@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2017 1:22 PM
To: Rep. Scott Kawasaki

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"Thank you for the opportunity to express my support for HB 127. This bill enables wrongfully convicted Alaskans to receive their Permanent Fund Dividends for the years they are ineligible due to incarceration. The effects of a wrongful conviction are far reaching. The loss is immeasurable as far as opportunities, wages, family members, dignity, mental health, savings and more.

I have heard the stories of the "Fairbanks Four." They have returned to their families, and people who care, with nothing more than the clothes on their back. We all know the story of their trials, appeals and hearings. What we do not know is what happened after their release. They found themselves, among everyone else who has been building their lives for the past 20 years, with nothing but the items they had when they went into jail in the late 90s. They have had to learn so many new processes and technology that we take for granted.

The people who put them away may not even be serving our state anymore. It is up to this generation of leaders to make things right. There is no reason to release any guilty party from prison (unless they have served their sentence) due to political pressure. These men are free because they have always been innocent. I urge you to do the right thing and support the passage of this bill by the house and senate, it is a small price to pay compared to them giving their lives for someone else's mistakes. Thank you for your time and consideration."

Sent from my LG Mobile

William Jodwalis

From: Alicia Hill <a.hill90@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2017 1:27 PM
To: Rep. Scott Kawasaki
Cc: Rep. Adam Wool; Rep. Chris Birch; Rep. Chris Tuck; Rep. DeLena Johnson; Rep. Gabrielle LeDoux; Rep. Gary Knopp; Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins
Subject: HB 127

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TO: Rep. Kawasaki
CC: House State Affairs Committee

Please accept this letter of support to pass HB 127.

The effects of a wrongful conviction are far reaching. The loss is immeasurable as far as opportunities, wages, family members, dignity, mental health, savings and more.

I was only 11 years old when the story of the "Fairbanks Four" began. I heard everything people had to say about us Natives. For years after this, I did not feel valued as a native person. I was nearly 30 when they were released. I cannot even imagine the horror of spending nearly two decades in prison for a crime I did not commit. Now these men: Marvin, George, Eugene, and Kevin have been freed and have had to begin lives that were wrongfully stolen.

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Alicia Hill

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From: emerson <emersoneads@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2017 12:55 PM
To: Rep. Scott Kawasaki
Subject: Public record comment

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Dear Representative Kawasaki, (please feel free to amend the introduction to properly reflect decorum)

I write in support of both Alaska House Bills 118 and 127. I think they represent what is right and just in the heart of Alaskans.

Allow me to introduce myself. I am a doctoral student at the University of Notre Dame. Fairbanks is my home, and Alaska will always be where my heart is despite me being away from her more than I would wish. I have inaugurated the Fairbanks Symphony chorus and was it's chorus master for three season, and I was the chorus master for numerous Opera Fairbanks productions, including conducting a few productions which included my own opera, commissioned by Opera Fairbanks.

I wrote Mass for the Oppressed for the release of the Fairbanks Four, which was premiered in Fairbanks in the summer of 2016 under the baton of Houston Symphony conductor, Robert Franz. The performance was attended by the Fairbanks Four. The audience gave the Four not one standing ovation, but two. The tears and palpable empathy which came from all those present was unforgettable, and as such, represents in artistic form, what these bills represent in hard, political and social currency.

I write in full support of these bills. They underline what is best about Alaskans: we are bigger and capable of embracing cultural divides, we are capable of ameliorating injustices, and we lift up the weak and underrepresented. This has been my experience in Fairbanks, and it has been my great pleasure to know that these traits don't just represent the Interior of Alaska, but rather, they are unequivocally Alaskan.

Thank you,

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From: Princess Lucaj <princesslucaj@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2017 12:45 PM
To: Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins; Rep. Gabrielle LeDoux; Rep. Chris Tuck; Rep. Adam Wool; Rep. Chris Birch; Rep. DeLena Johnson; Rep. Gary Knopp
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Sincerely & with gratitude for your public service!
Princess Daazhrai Johnson
Fairbanks, AK